

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RICHMOND, VIRGINIA

October 30, 1998

**MINUTES**

The Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education reconvened at 9:10 a.m. in Senate Room B of the General Assembly Building in Richmond, Virginia on Friday, October 30, 1998 with the following members present:

Mr. Kirk Schroder, President  
Senator J. Brandon Bell, Vice President  
Mrs. Jennifer C. Byler  
Mr. Mark C. Christie  
Mrs. Susan T. Noble

Senator John W. Russell  
Mrs. Ruby W. Rogers  
Mrs. Lil Tuttle  
  
Mr. Paul D. Stapleton  
Secretary and Superintendent of  
Public Instruction

Mr. Schroder, president, presided and called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

**INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Senator Russell gave the invocation and led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Mr. Schroder opened the meeting by reading a letter received from Mark Musick, President, Southern Regional Education Board (SREB).

**Decisions Regarding Passing and Advanced Scores for the Standards of Learning (SOL Tests)**

Mrs. Cam Harris, Assistant Superintendent, Assessment, compared the Grade Six LPT Test in reading, writing, and mathematics with Grade 3 SOL Tests. ReadingCGrade 6 LPT Test - 43 (63%); WritingCGrade 6 LPT Test - 45 (70.3%); and MathematicsCGrade 6 LPT Test (61%).

Mr. Christie made a motion to adjust Grade 5 Writing Pass/Proficient cut score to 32 (73%) and Grade 8 Writing to 30 (68%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously

### High School English: Writing

Senator Russell made a motion to set the cut score for High School English: Writing for Pass/Proficient at 37 (69%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for High School English: Writing - Advanced at 49 (91%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

### High School Algebra I

Mr. Christie made a motion to set the cut score for Algebra I Pass/Proficient at 27 (54%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble. The motion failed with four yes votes.

Mrs. Tuttle made a substitute motion to set the cut score for Algebra I Pass/Proficient at 30 (60%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler. The motion had three yes votes.

Mrs. Byler made a substitute motion to set the cut score for Algebra I Pass/Proficient at 28 (56%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tuttle. The motion carried with five yes votes and three opposed.

Mrs. Noble made a motion to set the cut score for Algebra I Advanced at 45 (90%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

After the Deputy Secretary, Mrs. Cherie Yecke, addressed the Board, Mr. Christie made a substitute motion to set the cut score for Algebra I Pass/Proficient at 27 (54%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.

### High School Algebra II

Senator Russell made a motion to set the cut score for Algebra II Pass/Proficient at 31 (62%). The motion was seconded by Senator Bell and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for Algebra II Advanced at 45 (90%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.

### High School Geometry

Senator Russell made a motion to set the cut score for Geometry Pass/Proficient at 28 (62%). The motion was seconded by Senator Bell. Senator Russell withdrew his motion.

Mrs. Noble made a motion to set the cut score for Geometry Pass/Proficient at 27 (60%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for Geometry Advanced at 41 (91%). The motion was seconded by Senator Bell and carried unanimously.

#### High School Earth Science

Mrs. Noble made a motion to set the cut score for Earth Science Pass/Proficient at 30 (60%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Rogers made a motion to set the cut score for Earth Science Advanced at 45 (90%). The motion was seconded by Senator Russell and carried unanimously.

#### High School Biology

Mrs. Rogers made a motion to set the cut score for Biology Pass/Proficient at 26 (52%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler. The motion passed with six yes votes and two abstentions.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for Biology Advanced at 45 (90%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

#### High School Chemistry

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for Chemistry Pass/Proficient at 27 (54%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble. The motion passed with six yes votes and two abstentions.

Mrs. Rogers made a motion to set the cut score for Chemistry Advanced at 45 (90%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried unanimously.

#### High School World History to 1000 A.D. + World Geography

Mr. Christie made a motion to set the cut score for World History to 1000 A.D. + World Geography Pass/Proficient at 33 (54%) and World History from 1000 A.D. to the Present + World Geography Pass/Proficient at 36 (57%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried with one abstention.

Mrs. Noble made a motion to set the cut score for World History to 1000 A. D. + World Geography Advanced at 55((90%) and World History from 1000 A.D. to the Present + World Geography U. S. History Advanced at 57 (90%) and carried unanimously.

High School U. S. History

Mr. Christie made a motion to set the cut score for U. S. History at 40 (66%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler and carried with one abstention.

Mrs. Noble made a motion to set the cut score for U. S. History Advanced at 55 (90%). The motion was seconded by Mrs. Rogers and carried unanimously.

Mrs. Yecke, Deputy Superintendent, requested the Board to take another look at the Algebra I cut score.

Mrs. Byler made a motion to set the cut score for History & Social Science Grade 3 at 24 for 26. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Tuttle. The motion did not carry. (Three yes votes and four opposed).

Mr. Christie made a motion to change the cut score for Algebra 1 to 27 from 28. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Noble and carried unanimously.

Mr. Christie made a motion to accept the Standards of Learning cut scores. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Byler. The motion carried with seven Ayes@votes and one Ano@vote.

Board Roll Call:

Mrs. Ruby Rogers - Yes  
Mrs. Susan Noble - Yes  
Mrs. Jennifer Byler - Yes  
Mr. Mark Christie - Yes

Senator John Russell - Yes  
Mrs. Lil Tuttle - No  
Senator J. Brandon Bell - Yes  
Mr. Kirk Schroder - Yes

Virginia Standards of Learning Assessments  
Passing Scores Established by the Board of Education

SOL Test	PROFICIENT Score	ADVANCED Score
<b>Grade 3</b>		
English	32 out of 45 items (71%)	42 out of 45 items (93%)
Mathematics	36 out of 50 items (72%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
History & Social Science	24 out of 40 items (60%)	36 out of 40 items (90%)
Science	27 out of 40 items (68%)	36 out of 40 items (90%)
<b>Grade 5</b>		
English: Reading, Literature, & Research	28 out of 42 items (67%)	39 out of 42 items (93%)
English: Writing	32 out of 44 items (73%)	41 out of 44 items (93%)
Mathematics	34 out of 50 items (68%)	46 out of 50 items (92%)
History & Social Science	26 out of 40 items (65%)	37 out of 40 items (93%)
Science	26 out of 40 items (65%)	37 out of 40 items (93%)

Computer Technology	17 out of 30 items (57%)	27 out of 30 items (90%)
<b>Grade 8</b>		
English: Reading, Literature, & Research	27 out of 42 items (64%)	37 out of 42 items (88%)
English: Writing	30 out of 44 items (68%)	41 out of 44 items (93%)
Mathematics	37 out of 60 items (62%)	55 out of 60 items (92%)
History & Social Science	33 out of 50 items (66%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Science	29 out of 50 items (58%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Computer Technology	26 out of 40 items (65%)	36 out of 40 items (90%)
<b>High School</b>		
English: Reading, Literature & Research	24 out of 42 items (57%)	37 out of 42 items (88%)
English: Writing	37 out of 54 items (69%)	49 out of 54 items (91%)
Algebra I	27 out of 50 items (54%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Algebra II	31 out of 50 items (62%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Geometry	27 out of 45 items (60%)	41 out of 45 items (91%)
Earth Science	30 out of 50 items (60%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Biology	26 out of 50 items (52%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
Chemistry	27 out of 50 items (54%)	45 out of 50 items (90%)
World History to 1000 A.D. + World Geography	33 out of 61 items (54%)	55 out of 61 items (90%)
World History from 1000 A.D. to the Present + World Geography	36 out of 63 items (57%)	57 out of 63 items (90%)
U. S. History	40 out of 61 items (66%)	55 out of 61 items (90%)

## ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Schroder adjourned the meeting of the Virginia Board of Education and the Board of Vocational Education at 1:05 p.m.

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President

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Secretary of the Board